

Themes in *Antigone*

Blindness vs. Sight -- the tension between what is "seen" as the truth (or right) and what is "unseen" (and therefore not right)

Natural Law-- a law that is set by nature and is therefore valid everywhere. As classically used, it refers to the use of reason to analyze human nature and deduce binding rules of moral behavior. The phrase *natural law* is opposed to *positive law* (meaning "man-made law") of a given political community or society, and thus can function as a standard by which to criticize that law

Citizenship vs. Family Loyalty -- the conflict as to where a citizen should place his/her loyalty--to the state because it is his/her duty as a city-dweller or to one's family

Civil Disobedience -- the active, professed refusal to obey certain laws, demands, and commands of a government, or of an occupying international power

Fate vs. Free Will -- the idea that your future has been determined (either by a religious entity or a belief system) as opposed to the idea that humans have the ability to freely make choices to determine their future